

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/625,275

Examiner

Greg Cunningham

Applicant(s)

HAYES ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final received 09/08/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-11 and 13-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to after final request for reconsideration received 09/08/2004.
2. The disposition of the claims is as follows: claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-15 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Claims 5 and 12 were previously cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. In view of request for reconsideration and review of cited references and search for new prior art, 103 rejections are withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas L. Evans (Registration No. 35,805) on November 8, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Non-elected claims 16-82 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-15 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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Applicant's amended independent claim 1 stands novel over the related prior art. For instance, while the related art of Chan et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,073,147), does make use “a font resource server that is accessible to all devices that communicate via the network. The font server contains the necessary information pertaining to the various types of fonts that may be required by users; necessary font resources are downloaded from the font server to the remote site, via any suitable communication network; and in the event that the font server does not contain the requested font resource, e.g. a document contains a relatively new font that has not yet been loaded on the server, an error condition is returned to the requesting site.”

In another related art, Crandall et al. (US Patent 5,963,641), “describes a device and method of examining electronically-recorded documents (typically in the form of one or more of computer files) prior to printing, transmission or recording, determining their fitness for printing, transmission or recording, and reporting and/or correcting all found inconsistencies and errors to assure compatibility with the printing press, recording apparatus, electronic file server or other output device; and automatically generates a report which lists all found inconsistencies and errors in the file which are determined by comparing the data in the file against a set of rules. In view of the above, it would be desirable, therefore, to pre-test documents prior to printing, transmission or recording to uncover any potential printing, transmission or recording problems. In the printing industry this process is commonly referred to as ‘pre-press’ or ‘pre-flight’ checking.”

In a final related art, Keane et al. (US Patent 6,650,433 B1), describes, “Prepress aggregation is performed by a prepress aggregation module of the backend printing server, which includes a multi-user PostScript file creator, shown as item 200 in FIG. 8. The file creator

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collects all of the print jobs that have been received by the web server and queued for printing; and the third component 212 does an automatic "pre-flight check" on each aggregated PostScript file, thus avoiding the need for further manual intervention."

However, neither Chan et al., Crandall et al., nor Keane et al. disclose singularly nor in combination "a method for determining whether a font file is corrupted, said method comprising the steps of: receiving at a font server, information ... computer system; comparing, at the font server, the information ... with a portion of an uncorrupted font file; and in response to said step of comparing, determining, at the font server, whether the font file stored in the computer system is corrupted" as claimed by amended independent claim 1.

Claims 2-4, 6-11 and 13-15 depend from allowed claim 1 and therefore are also allowed.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Responses

8. Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 872-9306 may be used for formal communications.

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greg Cunningham whose telephone number is (703) 308-6109.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella, can be reached on (703) 308-6829.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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